

**Approved 06/11/09**

**Exeter Fire District**

**(March 12, 2009)**

**Call to Order**

**Vice Chairman Peter Wilbur called the March meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:07pm. Present were commissioners Lacouture, Wilbur, Walker, Gallagher, Aker, Rooney and Nievera. Ms. Caito, district treasurer, was also present. There were 3 members of the public in attendance.**

### **Public Comment**

**Joe Conroy introduced Dave Chamberlain, president of the EVFD#1, to the board of commissioners. All commissioners wished Mr. Chamberlain success in his new assignment.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Ms. Caito reports that the beginning balance in the district accounts was \$384,183.18 as of Dec. 08, 2008. Activity within the accounts brings the current balance, as of February 09, 2009, to \$282,844.43. Mr. Nievera has compared the bank statements with the report of the treasurer and is satisfied with its accuracy. Ms. Caito further reports that as of 02/28 the collection rate reached 74.3%, representing collections of \$741,474. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Wilbur**

**second) acceptance of the report of the treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Previous Month's Minutes**

**Mr. Wilbur moved (Mr. Aker second) acceptance of the minutes of the February meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Walker moved (Mr. Gallagher second) acceptance of the minutes from the February budget hearing. That motion carried also carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will re-circulate these minutes and file them with the Secretary of State's office at his earliest convenience.**

### **Communications**

**Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail had been given to the treasurer for her action. He also stated that there had been one letter of interest for the position of moderator for the annual meeting. That letter was from Mike Cerullo. Two letters had been received from the Exeter Rescue Corps. One was written to Senator Jack Reed informing him of the difficulty receiving billing payments from the Federal Job Corps facility and the Phoenix House drug treatment facility. The other letter was in response to a request by the Exeter Town Council for minutes concerning the recently completed building addition and the new rescue vehicle recently purchased by the Corps.**

## **Old Business**

**Mr. Nievera gave a report on the delinquent accounts to date. He noted that there were 17 properties on the tax sale list and that there were two accounts were in the process of removing themselves from the list.**

**Mr. Lacouture stated that it was his intent to oversee the annual meeting in much the same manner as last year. He asked for any digital pictures that may be of interest for the power point presentation. It was suggested that a slide or two dedicated to recently deceased public safety members Elwood “Woody” Davis and Chief Win Franklin. Mr. Conroy said that he had some that may be used. He will forward them to Mr. Lacouture at his earliest convenience.**

**Mr. Gallagher moved (Mr. Nievera second) the appointment of Mike Cerullo as moderator for the Annual Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will notify Mr. Cerullo by the week end of the board’s decision.**

**Following a short discussion on the submitted budget requests, Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Walker second) advancing the current budget submissions to the Annual Meeting to be acted upon by the membership. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lacouture will send the final copy of the budget request at his earliest opportunity. Mr. Nievera will make 100 copies for the Annual Meeting.**

**Mr. Aker is still looking for the names of the representatives for his Insurance Consolidation Committee. Mr. Nievera will forward the**

**names that he has at his earliest opportunity.**

**Mr. Rooney stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Chief Williams (Ashaway Volunteer Fire Dept.) to discuss a way forward with the ISO project. He hopes to get his committee active within the next two weeks.**

## **New Business**

**Mr. Gallagher reported that the Exeter Rescue Corps will hold an “open house” on Saturday, March 28. Refreshments will be served.**

**Mr. Walker thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the district in his capacity as a commissioner. He further offered his assistance in any financial matters that may present themselves in the future. All board members wished him well and thanked him for his service to public safety and the Exeter Fire District.**

## **Next Meeting**

**The next meeting of the Exeter Fire District will be the Annual Meeting. It will be held at the Exeter, West Greenwich Jr./Sr. High School on Wednesday, April 8 2009. The meeting will be held in the Jos. Walsh Performing Arts Ctr. (auditorium) and will begin at 7:00pm.**

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on May 14, 2009. The meeting will be held in the program room of the Exeter Public library and will begin at**

**7:00pm.**

## **Adjournment**

**Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Rooney second) adjournment at 8:03pm.  
The motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Bill Nievera, Clerk  
Exeter Fire District**